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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 6,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. AN AMERICAN WAS RELEASED IN SOUTH YEMEN. BUT
THERE IS ANOTHER AMERICAN, I THINK, STILL THERE IN THE
POKEY, ISN'T THERE?

A. ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION, THERE IS A MR. VINCENT

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TORHAN OF SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY, WHO DISAPPEARED IN ADEN IN

MID-MARCH 1973, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS THERE ON A COIN-BUYING TRIP. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, IT APPEARS THAT HE WAS DETAINED BY THE AUTHORITIES THERE, AND WE HAVE MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT HIS STATUS THROUGH THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT ADEN, WHICH REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS THERE. AND TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE. AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GAIN CONSULAR ACCESS TO MR. TORHAN.

Q. IS THERE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE IS ALIVE?

A. I REALLY CAN'T GO BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE HERE. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

Q. YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE WAS TRIED OR NOT?

A. NO.

Q. DID FINDLEY, WHO INTERVENED FOR THE OTHER MAN WHO WAS RELEASED -- DID HE TALK ABOUT THIS TORHAN?

A. WE ASSUME SO, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION AS YET. I PRESUME WE WILL BE OBTAINING THAT INFORMATION FROM THE CONGRESSMAN. BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT YET.

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